

Dear Ms. Calder,

June 16, 2021

Enclosed is the photo to be included in the file for the Signer Dock Hearing.

As the photo shows, Mr. Singer's home is less than 20 feet from from the edge of Lake Comegys and just a short distance from the Association's shoreline at the bottom of the photo.

I am also enclosing a copy of my remarks at the Signer Dock Hearing on June 16, 2020 for the file.

Thank you again for your help last week.

Sincerely,



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Mary Signet's home on 135 Chesapeake,  
Wey Beach, DE.

bottom of the photo shows the Lake  
Mary association shoreline.

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Statement By Tony Burns At Signer Hearing On June 16, 2021

I am Tony Burns, the President of the Lake Comegys Association of Homeowners representing our 28 homeowners who share over 600 feet of shoreline on Lake Comegys. The Lake Comegys Association once again wishes to go on record in opposition to the application filed by Norman Signer of 135 Chesapeake Street, Dewey Beach originally filed in May 2020 to build a floating dock that would extend out over 20 feet from the narrowest side of the lake to just a little over 100 feet from the Association's shoreline. Mr. Signer in asking for a public hearing does not appear to have addressed any of the legal and environmental concerns raised initially in connection with his original application, and in particular the questions raised by the Save Our Lakes Alliance of which our Association is a charter member.

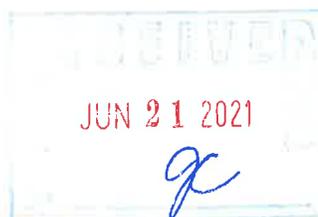
As we noted in our submission to your office on June 16, 2020, Lake Comegys is not a recreational lake. It is less than four acres and owned by the State. Further the Delaware General Assembly on May 13, 2004 passed a resolution recognizing Silver Lake & Lake Comegys as State & National treasures being the closest freshwater lakes in the nation in proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. In July 2007, the State established a 35 foot conservation easement around the Lake Comegys shoreline to assure that the shoreline would be retained forever its natural, scenic and open condition.

There have been no docks built on Lake Comegys since the Assembly resolution and the State designation of a conservation easement. Our Association has had a small dock parallel and adjacent to the shoreline for over 25 years to serve our 28 homeowners but particularly for those homeowners who are over 400 feet from the lake. There are no other docks on the north side of the lake.

The Lake Comegys Association along with our neighbors, the Burris family, have worked together to maintain over 1000 feet of shoreline on the north side of Lake Comegys in a riparian buffer management program providing an aquatic habitat for fish, herons, egrets, turtles and other waterfowl. The lake is also home to a variety of migratory birds as well as local mallard ducks whose landing pathways would be disturbed by Mr. Signer's proposed dock.

Since purchasing his home in the last two years, Mr. Signer has made significant improvements to the exterior of his house as well as the landscaping. His home is set back no more than 20 feet from the shoreline and until recently had lawn chairs in this area overlooking the lake. His proposed dock would extend out from this area over the bulkhead wall into the lake. This project appears to be the expansion of the owner's outdoor space into State owned public areas for no other reason than for private use. This would not provide a legal basis for use of public lands.

Approval of this application would ignore Delaware legislative recognition of the significance of Lake Comegys as well as the purpose of and the restrictions placed on the shoreline by the Conservation Easement.



*Tony Burns*  
6/16/21